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# AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 13, 2009 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

# MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

#### FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining	Highest Number	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23	~ 34* ≈	0	Χ	0.00
Independent	1	3** ==	0	X	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					0.00
TOTAL					0.00

<sup>\*</sup>not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

A response to the May 13, 2009 Non-Final Office Action was due August 13, 2009. Applicants request a three-month extension of time for responding to the May 13, 2009 Non-Final Office Action, and concurrently submit a Petition concerning same. The small-entity fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00), and such fee shall be concurrently paid by credit card via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System ("EFS"). With a three-month extension of time, a response to the May 13, 2009 Non-Final Office Action is now due November 13, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Other than the \$555.00 fee for a Petition for a Three-Month extension fee, no fee is required for the filing of this Amendment. However, in the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215. Order, No. K2100.0001.